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Mike West's campaign for student president/regent hits a road block

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On the cover: UNO student Mike West.
Photo by Dave Weaver.

Two years too long for West

BY STACEY MEISENBACH

One UNO student's campaign for student president/regent may have ended before it ever began.

According to the current Student Government election rules, potential candidate Mike West is not eligible to run for student president/regent because of a certain stipulation in the rules.

The rule states a candidate for student president/regent must be enrolled for two consecutive years at UNO with a minimum of six hours per semester prior to the election.

West said since he sat out during the 1987-88 school year, he would be ineligible to participate in the upcoming election.

West said he has made attempts to have the rule reviewed, not only because he would like to run for president/regent, but also because he feels the rule is discriminatory.

However, West's attempts to have the rule reviewed by the Student Senate have been unsuccessful. He said he was denied the opportunity to speak at the Student Senate's last meeting by Student Senate Speaker Mary Reynolds.

West said he asked Reynolds if he could speak at the Sept. 21 senate meeting under her agenda.

"I asked Mary if I could be heard at the senate meeting and she said 'No' because of the six-week rule," West said.

The six-week rule states the senate cannot revise the rules within six weeks of the election date.

"I knew the issue had potential of coming up at the meeting and I didn't want the senate to be swayed because Mike can be a very persuasive speaker," Reynolds said. "I didn't want them to just listen to what he had to say without both sides being heard."

Since Reynolds would not allow West to speak under her agenda, West said his only other option was to have the issue addressed under the old business agenda item.

"I wanted to tell my side of the story," West said.

At the senate meeting, Sen. Clark Crinklaw moved to review the election rules under old business; however, Reynolds called his request out of order.

Reynolds said she called Crinklaw's request out of order because it was in violation of Student Government by-laws.

"As speaker, I'm supposed to interpret the rules," Reynolds said. "The (Student Senate) constitution says the election rules are part of the by-laws."

After Reynolds called the motion out of order, Crinklaw asked for an appeal of the speaker's decision. The senate voted in favor of the appeal.

The senate then voted to review the election rules. A majority of the senators voted in favor of the review, but Reynolds said the decision required a two-thirds majority. Crinklaw appealed that decision also, but was unsuccessful.

"My job is to uphold the rules," Reynolds said. "In Roberts Rules of Order it says you need a two-thirds majority vote unless another percentage is stipulated in our constitution. But our constitution does not specify any certain majority, so I had to go by Roberts Rules of Order."

All agencies of Student Government follow guidelines provided by Roberts Rules of Order.

After the last appeal failed, the issue was dropped.

Reynolds said West had the opportunity before the Sept. 21 senate meeting to voice his concerns about the election rules and that he should have acted sooner.

West said he read the election rules at the beginning of the

Students nominated to NU committee

BY JOHN WATSON

Although the majority of Thursday's Student Senate meeting was devoted to controversy surrounding the election rules, the senate attended to its usual business.

The senate approved Allison Brown-Corson and Brian Johnson as UNO's student nominees to the presidential search committee set up by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

One student representing all three NU system campuses will sit on the committee.

That student will be selected by the board from a pool of six nominees, two from each campus.

Student President/Regent Paula Effle recommended Brown-Corson and Johnson.

"If either Allison or Brian are chosen, they are going to have a lot of work ahead of them," Effle said.

The search committee will nominate candidates to fill the position of NU president.

In her update to the senate, Effle said the regents accepted a report Sept. 8 on the progress of decentralization of the Student Information Systems (SIS). SIS gathers and categorizes student information.

She said eight full-time employees in SIS would be transferred from NU Central Administration to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) at no cost to UNL.

With this in mind, Effle said she was concerned UNO and the University of Nebraska Medical Center would

continue to pay for the service.

"It doesn't seem too horrendous, except that UNO and the Medical Center have been paying for six years."

Effle said she had requested further information from Lee Jones, NU executive vice-president. "I'm waiting with baited breath to receive information on this," she said.

Effle also reported on the regents' response to the proposed aviation institute at UNO. "The board was stopped in its tracks," she said. Quoting the regents, she said,

"Little UNO with an aviation institute? (Regent) Don Fricke said, 'What?'"

Effle said the next Board of Regents meeting will be Oct. 6.

In his report to the senate, Chris McClenny, director of Student Government's Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR), said the new student election rules are on file in the Student Government office and available for candidates interested in running for office.

McClenny said he and Election Commissioner Carl Carlson will develop a plan for "general promotion" during the campaigns. "I hope, with better publicity, we can see a turnout of 15 percent this year," McClenny said.

He said last year's turnout was approximately 7 percent in the general election and 3 percent in the president/regent run-off election.

The next Student Senate meeting will be Oct. 5.

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school year and brought the two-year rule to the attention of Continuing Studies Sen. Tom Harper.

A resolution submitted by Harper and Crinklaw was sent to Reynolds Sept. 13, questioning the two-year requirement.

The letter requested Reynolds to call an Executive Committee meeting to discuss changing the two-year requirement.

"The Executive Committee could have approved the change and then it would have had to be approved by the Student Senate," Harper said.

Reynolds did not approve the meeting, saying she needed two full working days in order to call the committee.

"We wanted to bring the two-year requirement up to the Rules Committee on Sept. 20, but couldn't because we didn't have quorum (majority plus one)," Harper said.

Reynolds said election rule revisions are supposed to be made two weeks after the actual election in October. However, the changes were not completed last fall by the deadline, and Greg Clark, former chief administrative officer, formed an ad-hoc committee this summer, but according to Reynolds, Clark "didn't do anything."

The revisions of the election rules then became the responsibility of the senate's Rules Committee.

"The Rules Committee is under the speaker's guidance," Harper said. "Mary's in charge and is completely responsible. She gets most of the credit when things go right, and if she felt Greg Clark wasn't doing his job she could have come to the senate with a vote of no-confidence and removed him."

Reynolds said if West had approached the Rules Committee earlier in the year concerning the two-year requirement, then it would have received attention and been given a fair chance.

"I feel if you want something bad enough, you must meet the deadlines," Reynolds said.

Harper said the two-year requirement was given some attention from Reynolds, but not enough.

"I discussed the two-year requirement with Mary and she wanted to qualify fall and spring semesters as requirements and exclude summer school. She just didn't want to scrap the whole thing," Harper said. "I asked her 'Why not totally open it up for everybody to increase student involvement?' but she wanted that two-year requirement in there."

Reynolds said the two-year requirement is necessary to make sure all candidates are informed of campus changes.

"People need to be informed and kept up to date," Reynolds said.

West said he would like to see the two-year requirement changed since it discriminates against students who become ill during a semester and have to withdraw or students who take maternity leave.

Reynolds said the rule is not discriminatory and it does serve a purpose.

"It's a conscious choice whether a student remains in school or not. An illness would probably be the only incident where you would need some sort of a stipulation," Reynolds said.

Harper said the rule discriminates against his constituents in the College of Continuing Studies.

"Many are adults coming back and many are transfers. It disenfranchises a lot of people," Harper said.

Harper added he would like the requirement revised so that anyone who wants to run for student president/regent could do so.

"I think the requirement is a fear of the political process itself," Harper said. "One of our goals is to increase involvement in Student Government and this incident has hampered that goal."

Reynolds said West could run as a write-in candidate, but if he won the election, he still couldn't take office. If West was elected, Reynolds said he could appeal to the Student Court.

"However, the Student Court can only interpret the rules," Reynolds said. "They can't judge whether the rule is fair or unfair."

West said he would not consider running unless the Student Senate changed the two-year requirement on its own at the senate's next meeting.

"I was running because I thought we needed some unity since this will be a critical year for UNO," West said.

Without permission from the senate, West said his candidacy could put students and Student Government in turmoil.

"You can't form unity from that," he said.

Effle calls for board accountability

BY ERIC STOAKES

At least one member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents says it's time the regents explain their actions.

UNO Student President/Regent Paula Effle said the regents should give their reasons for their dismissal of NU President Ronald Roskens.

The board removed Roskens from office July 31 after a closed session.

"People are still questioning the board's decision after almost two months," Effle said. "The legal end of it should be settled and there is no reason why the regents cannot give an explanation."

At the last UNO Student Senate meeting, Effle introduced a resolution calling for full accountability from the board. The senate unanimously approved her resolution.

"I don't know if the resolution will accomplish anything at all," Effle said. "I don't know how concerned the board is with student input right now, but this is a good point to start from."

Effle said one of the reasons she proposed the resolution was because of student and faculty concerns.

"I have not been to a class yet where a student or faculty member has not come up to me and asked, 'Hey, what's going

on?"

Effle also introduced another resolution at the Student Senate meeting concerning the selection of members of the presidential search committee. The request asks the board to conduct all meetings involving the selection of search committee members in full and open sessions. The senate also approved that resolution.

The committee's responsibility will be to nominate presidential candidates to the board.

Effle said the resolution will serve two basic purposes: Ensure all candidates have a general concern and interest for the NU system and the background necessary to meet the requirements.

Ensure the candidates have the time to commit to the selection process.

"These qualities can easily be determined in full and open sessions," Effle said.

She said if the board follows this recommendation, it would "look good for the board."

"It would give the board more credibility and it would give the search/advisory committee more credibility."

So let the campaigns begin

The debate was so thick you could have cut it with a knife.

At Thursday night's Student Senate meeting, there were no winners. Only losers.

The first loser was a UNO student trying to run for president/regent in the October elections.

The second was Senate Speaker Mary Reynolds.

The third was the senate as a whole.

And the fourth was the UNO student body.

All Mike West wanted was a chance, a chance to plead his case to the entire senate. He didn't get it.

What he did get was a door slammed in his face.

West is a UNO student, one of several thousand who could have been in his shoes Thursday night. He began his campaign for student body president last month, but three weeks ago he found out he was ineligible, due to a particular election rule.

To be eligible for the office, the rule states a student must be enrolled in at least six class hours each semester for two years, summer classes excluded.

You didn't know about that? Neither did West.

Usually, election rules are revised by the election commissioner following the fall elections. This year, the task fell to the senate's Rules Committee, which presented the revised rules to the senate Sept. 7, almost a year after the 1988 elections.

The senate, after many additions and corrections, voted to accept the revised election rules, just a few days before another election rule took effect.

That rule states the election rules can not be revised within six weeks of the election date.

Attempts were made to revise the rules before the six-week deadline, but Reynolds refused to call an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of the senate, the only group which could have changed the rules.

Reynolds also refused to put West on the senate's

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agenda for Thursday's meeting. During the meeting, Sen. Clark Crinklaw asked for the rules to be reviewed. Reynolds said the request was out of order.

That didn't stop Crinklaw and some other senators from testing the power of the senate speaker. They appealed her decision by vote and won with the majority.

The senate then voted on whether or not to review the election rules. Although a majority of senators voted in favor, Reynolds said a two-thirds majority was needed, citing her copy of Robert's Rules of Order.

That decision was also appealed, but lost by one vote.

And that was the end of it.

West left Thursday's meeting without his case being heard.

His situation, however, needs to be examined because it affects many other students. The election rule which stipulates a president/regent must be enrolled for two consecutive years prior to election is discriminatory.

A serious illness or even a pregnancy could easily waylay a potential candidate. Financial problems have kept many UNO students out for a semester or two.

The two-year stipulation is a joke. Granted, any president/regent should be knowledgeable about the University of Nebraska system, but the rule shouldn't discourage students on this campus who do not follow a four-year plan.

Jobs, families and other factors should not be deterrents to being eligible for student body president.

If West or any other student in a similar position runs for student president/regent this year, the *Gateway* will consider he or she a legitimate candidate for the office, regardless of what some individuals in Student Senate dictate.

It is the UNO students who vote for the president/regent, and they can make their opinions clear when they mark the ballots. Remember, they also vote for senators.

So let the campaigns begin.

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Editor's NOTE

The *Gateway* staff would like to reinforce the fact that we have not yet endorsed a candidate for student president/regent. However, we do reserve the right to endorse a candidate or candidates for the office, once those individuals have expressed positions on the issues.

The controversy which has arisen concerning the eligibility of Mike West to run for president/regent is a news item. Our coverage of the issue should not be construed as an overt endorsement.

The *Gateway* staff does, however, feel West has been discriminated against, and, if he chooses to run for the president/regent's office, he should be considered a legitimate candidate.

Although his candidacy would be in violation of existing election rules, those rules should be either revised before this election or left to the



interpretation of the election commissioner, and ultimately to voting UNO students.

Some student senators, as expressed at the senate's last meeting, seem to be in agree-

ment that revisions should be made of the election rules, or the senate should at least review and debate those rules at its next meeting, Oct. 5.

All students, especially

those concerned with this issue, should attend that meeting. Student senators are elected by students and are supposed to represent students in their particular constitu-

cies.

If students are unhappy with the performance of their student senators, they can make their opinions clear when they vote Oct. 25-26.

A clique is a clique is a clique

Politics bring out the worst in people.

For those politicking brave souls who dare to be different, UNO has Student Government to offer.

Thursday night I witnessed first hand all the actual bull shit I've heard about for years. There was political garble all around and instead of anyone just coming out and saying, "Hey, here's a student who wants to run for student president/regent. Why can't he?" I heard about suspending all these rules to suspend more rules so they could vote about whether they should suspend the rules or not. Confusing, to say the least.

Naturally, instead of anyone saying, "No, he can't run because we don't want him to," or because, "We already have the person pegged who's going to run and we don't need anymore competition," all we got was a bunch of garble cited from Robert's Rules of Order. Naturally a debate occurred over which edition of the book they should use.

Horror stories circulated years ago about what went on in the bimonthly Thursday night meetings. Chaos seemed to ensue, senators acted like children and nothing ever got solved.

A pretty broad and one-sided opinion you say? At the same time, there used to be similar rumors pertaining to the *Gateway*. Editors were like little Marxist leaders, consistent writers had to be socially "cool" and bitch a lot and new people were basically given one story and shoed out the front door. I know this one to be true for a fact.

Then something strange happened between last year and this fall. The *Gateway* acquired an entirely

Stacey MEISENBACH COLUMNIST

new staff and Student Government began to do something. They voted down the \$1 student fee increase (even though the Board of Regents later passed a \$1.50 increase anyway), they bought some much-needed park benches and the speaker of the senate even brought some order to the meetings.

Even rumors that the organization was acting professionally began to creep through the vine.

New staffers on the *Gateway* began to sweat: "My goodness, what ever shall we report on?"

Never fear. It seems as though the old characters of a few senators are sneaking back, and this became ever so apparent Thursday night.

Not all the senators acted childishly or sneakily. In fact, I was impressed by some of the motions raised and questions posed to the speaker of the senate.

What was truly incredulous was the manner in which some of the more experienced senators behaved. It wouldn't take much to show new senators what's politically cool and what's not. All it takes is a blatant, demeaning comment after a new senator poses a question, a smirk to a political crony and a loud, vocal comment by the recording secretary for all to hear when someone leaves the room.

Of course, when it gets down to it, what's the big deal? A clique is a clique is a clique. And the *Gateway* has been just as guilty in the past as any other campus organization, including the Student Senate.

Does it matter to anybody? Probably just to the select few who want to come in and make a difference, only to find a concrete wall of Robert's Rules of Order.

Is this a library or a terrarium?

Believe it or not: The fall semester is nearly a month old. Suddenly, the assignment you had forever to complete is due tomorrow. You know the one - that English composition paper. Or was it those math problems. Or that biology lab report. Or...

And there's that test.

It's impossible to do it at home. Your little brother and sister run endlessly through the house screaming at each other. Or the phone rings. Or your mother (or wife) keeps bugging you to take out the garbage. Or your father (or husband) is watching reruns of the London blitz on TV.

It's just impossible. So what can you do?

Go to the library, of course.

Ah, yes—the library. It's every college student's refuge—a quiet place where one can easily catch up on a month's worth of studying in just a few hours.

So off you go.

Luckily, you find a parking place within a mile of the library. No problem. The walk will invigorate you for the task at hand.

Finally, you enter this great storehouse of the world's knowledge. You walk past the scale model bell tower and the red "How are we doing?" suggestion box. You duck under a hanging plant.

Is this a library or a terrarium?

"That's OK," you tell yourself. The plants give off oxygen. Your brain will need all it can get.

Even though you walk lightly across the burnt orange carpet, almost everyone looks up as you pass—as if you've

invaded the sanctity of a holy place.

You settle at an empty table near the north window.

Great. Plenty of room to spread out.

But before taking out your books, you take a few minutes to gaze around.

You check out the people at nearby tables.

A dark-haired girl sits cross-legged in her chair while shifting her attention from book to calculator to paper and back.

A middle-aged man fondles his mustache while rattling the pages of the *Wall Street Journal*. Must be one of those non-

traditional students.

The library is really a quiet place. Right?

Yes and no.

When you first walk in, the silence is almost eerie. But once you've been sitting there for a while, you start to notice little noises. Because it's so quiet, a little noise soon becomes deafening.

For one thing, those flimsy red chairs squeak, even with your slightest move. Normally, the squeaks are random and asynchronous. But just as you decide to break out your books, you notice an atypically regular chair squeak. A quick pan of the room reveals the source.

—Bill—

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At the very next table, a guy wearing a red T-shirt bounces his leg to the beat of the music from his headphones. You try to guess what he's listening to. The Rolling Stones? The Cure? U2?

Then you notice a girl browsing up and down a row of book stacks—trying not to look confused.

Another girl at a nearby table chews on the end of a pencil while blankly staring at an open book.

A closed book becomes a pillow for a guy in blue jeans.

At that point you notice sleepers all over the room, each employing a different technique.

The first one you notice employs the standard head-down-on-folded-arms posture—distinguished only by his lack of shoes.

Your curiosity piqued, you continue your mental library-sleep survey.

Another sleeps soundly with his elbow propped on the table and his head in his hand.

But the championship goes to the guy sitting straight up, arms folded, chin on chest and mouth open: scoring a 9.5 with a 3.0 degree of difficulty. His technique is obviously the result of years of practice.

The thud of a dropped book brings you back to here and now. You notice the closed book in front of you.

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What was it on?

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Policy threatens some Greek organizations

By REGINALD CHAPMAN

The recommendation and passing of a new policy at UNO has many students and staff concerned with its effects on the African-American Greek-Letter organizations on campus.

The new policy will require a membership check of every organization on campus each semester, according to John Harris, Student Activities adviser.

The policy states that if an organization has less than six members, it will be placed on probation for one semester. During the probationary period, the organization will not be allowed to use display cases, access meeting rooms on campus or post written materials.

Harris said the policy was designed to be constructive, not punitive. He said the new policy was created because there was no existing policy.

Harris added that before this policy, one member, or as many as an organization's particular constitution stated, could sustain an organization. The organizations were not reviewed to verify the validity of the students whose names appeared on the roster, and many got away with stacking their organization with students who didn't exist or were not in good standing.

Any organization that is non-Greek must have four active and two associate members. In the case of the Greek-letter organizations, you are either in or you are not.

The recommendation was signed by Chancellor Del Weber. The Student Activities Committee passed the policy and it now awaits implementation.

Karen Welch, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, said the policy's immediate affect to the African-American Greek-letter organizations is racist in nature.

"How can we be expected to secure membership when there are roughly only 100 stu-

dents who are eligible to rush the organizations at one time," she said.

"Even if there are 100 eligible students, after you consider the issue of qualifying GPAs and male/female breakdown, that only leaves 20 women that have an interest or the GPA to rush," Welch said.

Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of Student Activities, said that the policy is not racist at all. "The policy is probably going to affect other student organizations as well as the African-American Greeks," he said. "The policy is a positive step for UNO. It says that we only want viable organizations here on campus."

Margaret Matlock, a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, said there are not as many African-Americans on campus as there are Caucasians. "That gives our organizations a smaller pool to draw from," she said.

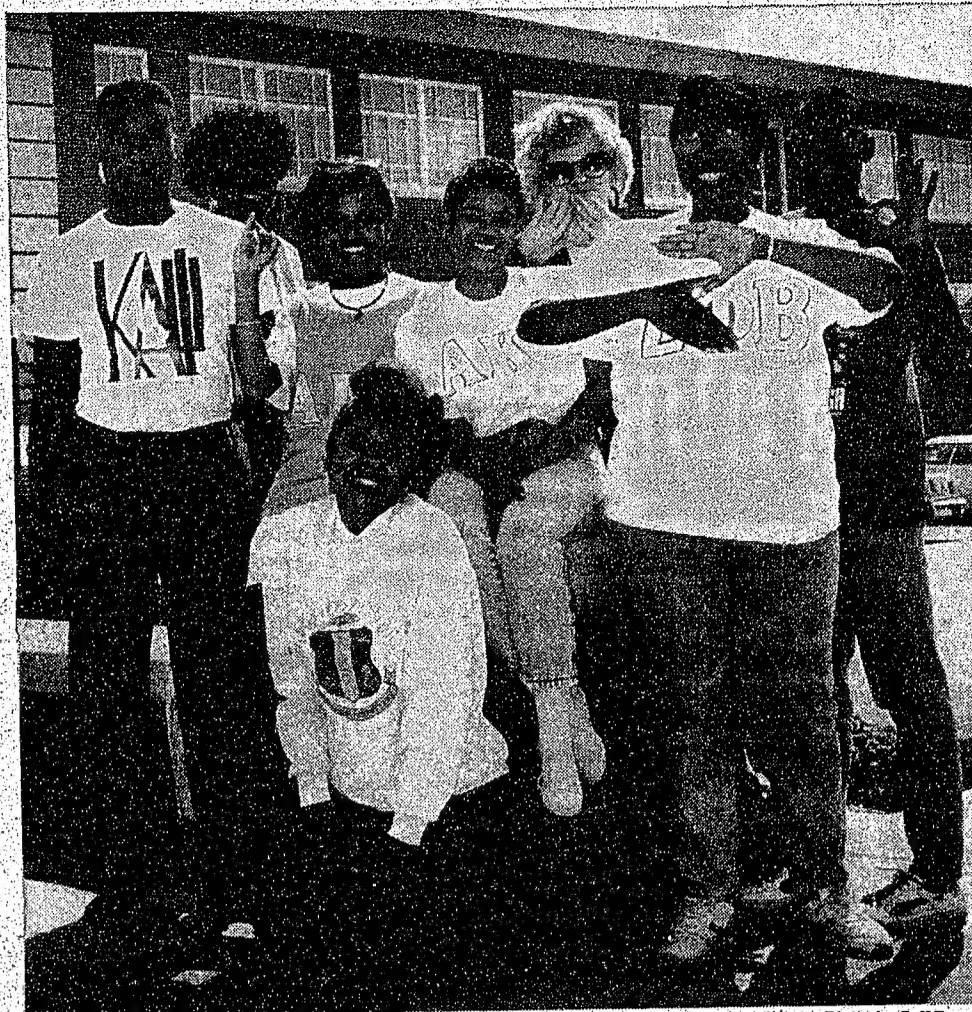
Harris said the African-American fraternities and sororities are not visible enough on campus.

"Many people don't even know they exist," Harris said. "Older members must help to keep the organizations vibrant, active and alive. In order to excel, they need to be more visible and active. There needs to be some re-focusing in order to get back in time with the founding principles of the organizations."

Harris stated that the university contributed to the lack of activity of these organizations by not demanding more than one member. "It almost encouraged mediocrity," he said.

Welch said African-American Greeks have always been visible in their community. Funds Alpha Kappa Alpha and other Greek organizations raise are funneled directly back into the African-American community, she said.

"You cannot base our visibility on whether or not we participate in UNO sorority rush or any other functions on campus," Welch said.



—Photo by Jeff Bundy

Members of the black Greek-letter organizations.

"By constitution, we operate differently and cannot be grouped into the white Greek system. It's a separate thing."

Harris said that in order for the African-American Greek-letter organizations to flourish, the university must recruit more minority students to replenish those graduating, transferring and leaving.

Dennis Duncan, president of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, said the new policy could possibly be the downfall of the organizations.

"Chancellor Weber was to assist the African-American Greek-letter fraternities and sororities, but I don't know if he had us in

mind when he signed the policy," Duncan said.

Hoover said that there will be a period of time before the implementation of the policy for the existing organizations to meet the standards.

Rosalind Watkins, president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, said the policy's effects can be seen from two sides.

"Other colleges that are enforcing the same policies do not happen to be commuter schools," she said. "Smaller schools such as UNO should not prohibit any organization from functioning."

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Mavs' muscle mauls Morningside

BY TONY FLOTT

The UNO football team racked up its highest point total this season as they tomahawked the Morningside Chiefs 30-13 Saturday night in Sioux City, Iowa.

The Mavs also displayed a strong defensive effort, holding the Chiefs to 117 yards rushing and 54 yards passing.

UNO's offense picked up where it left off last week, totaling 399 yards against the Chiefs. Morningside has lost 15 straight conference games.

More than half of the yardage was gained on the ground, thanks to the return of running back LaRon Henderson. Henderson sat out last week with a sore shoulder, and did not enter this week's game until the second half.

UNO Coach Sandy Buda said he was pleased with Henderson's performance.

"It was nice," Buda said. "He had 76 yards rushing in the second half and he played good, solid football."

According to Buda, Henderson is on a day-by-day basis. He still experiences soreness in his shoulders.

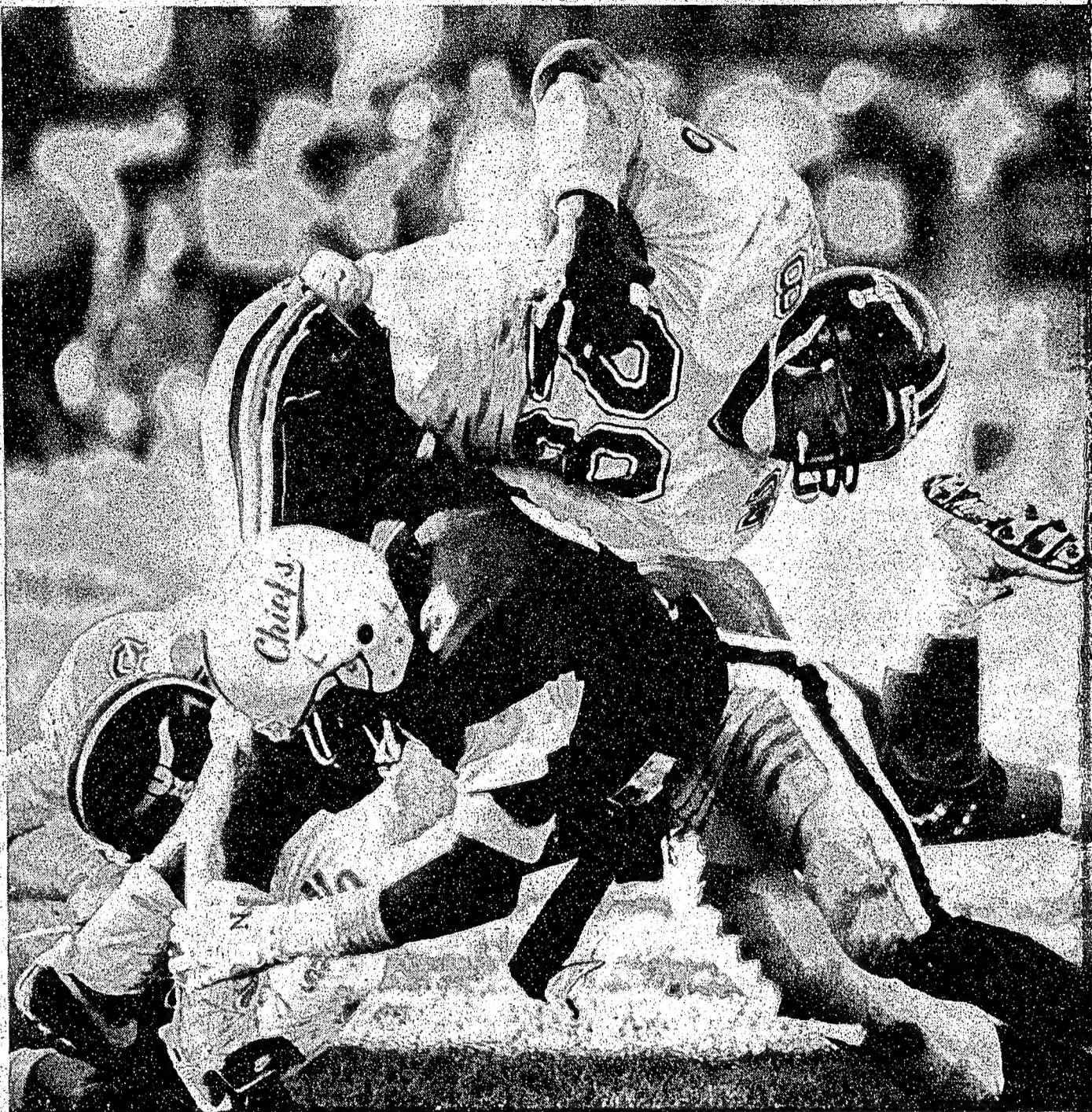
Quarterback Paul Cech, the team's offensive player-of-the-week, also earned praise from Buda.

Cech completed 11 of 16 passes for 177 yards, with one interception and two touchdowns, giving him six for the year. Cech also rushed four times for 24 yards.

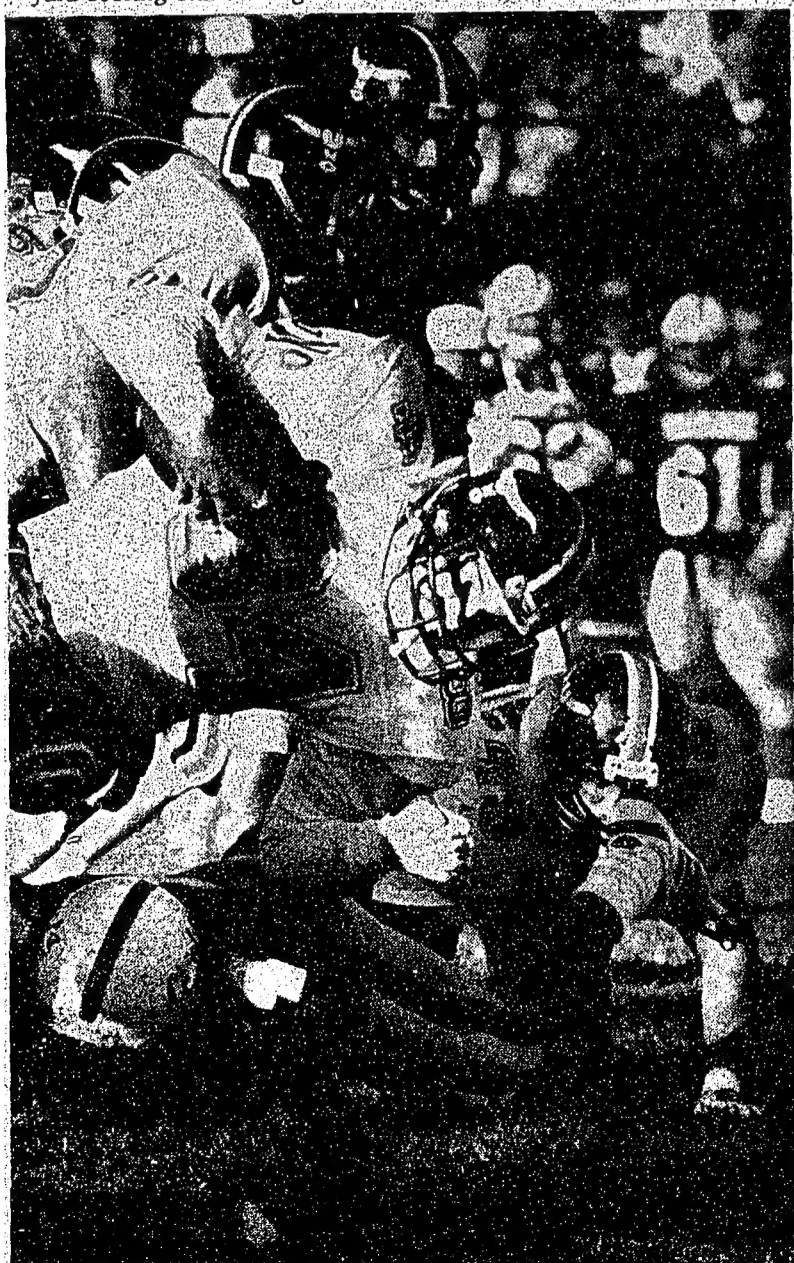
"He's making good progress," Buda said.

Cech's passing helped UNO jump to an early 12-0 advantage.

In the first quarter, the sophomore tossed an eight-yard scoring strike to tight end Scott Buresh, then



Sophomore fullback Eric Hill (28) takes a spill.



Which way is up? Sophomore tight end Scott Buresh (84) stretches sideways to go forward. —Eric Frances

hooked with Bobby Gordon for a 69-yard touchdown.

Gordon finished as the game's leading receiver with seven catches for 145 yards.

Leading the charge on the defensive side were inside-linebackers Todd Culp and Larry Sibley, who both finished with seven tackles.

The defense recovered two fumbles, intercepted one pass and gave up only one touchdown.

Buda's only criticism of the defense was its fourth-quarter effort.

"When we got ahead 24-7 we got too relaxed," Buda said.

The Chiefs recovered a blocked UNO punt in the end zone for their first score. In the fourth quarter,

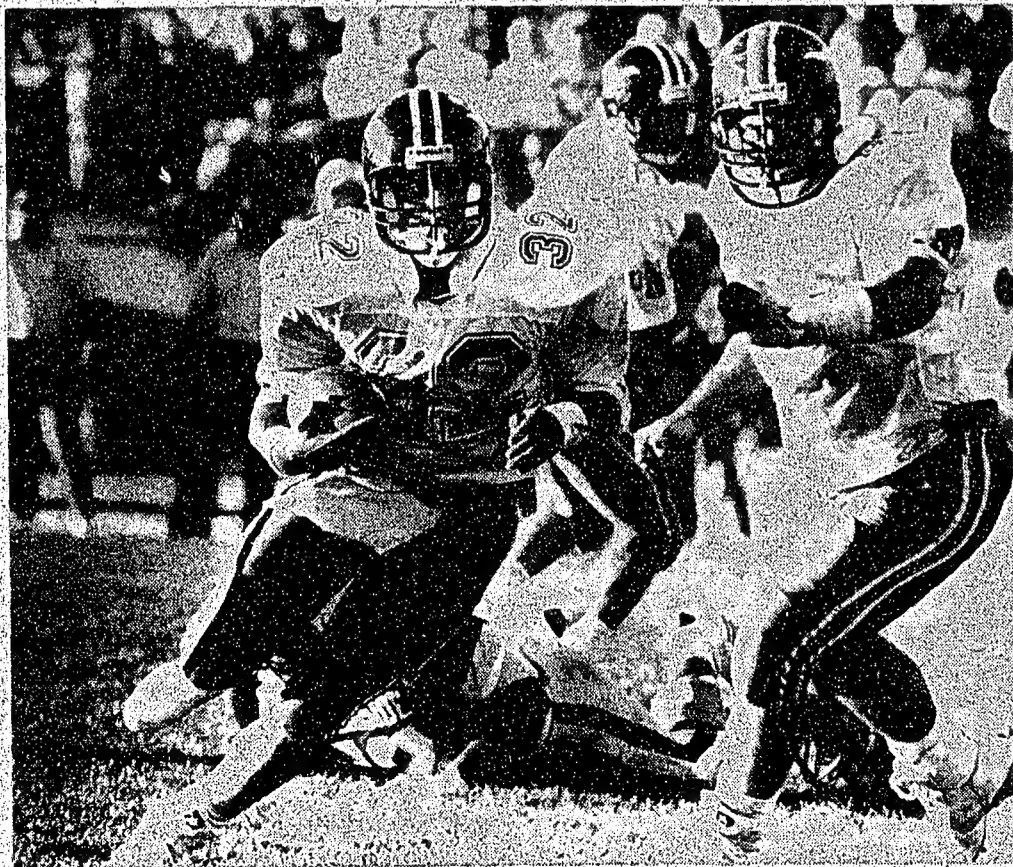
Morningside scored on an 8-yard run by fullback Dave Davis.

The kicking game suffered a blow when junior kicker John Bonacci, the Mavs' leading scorer last season, injured his ankle on the Mavs' first extra-point attempt.

UNO didn't score any extra points following its touchdowns, missing all five opportunities.

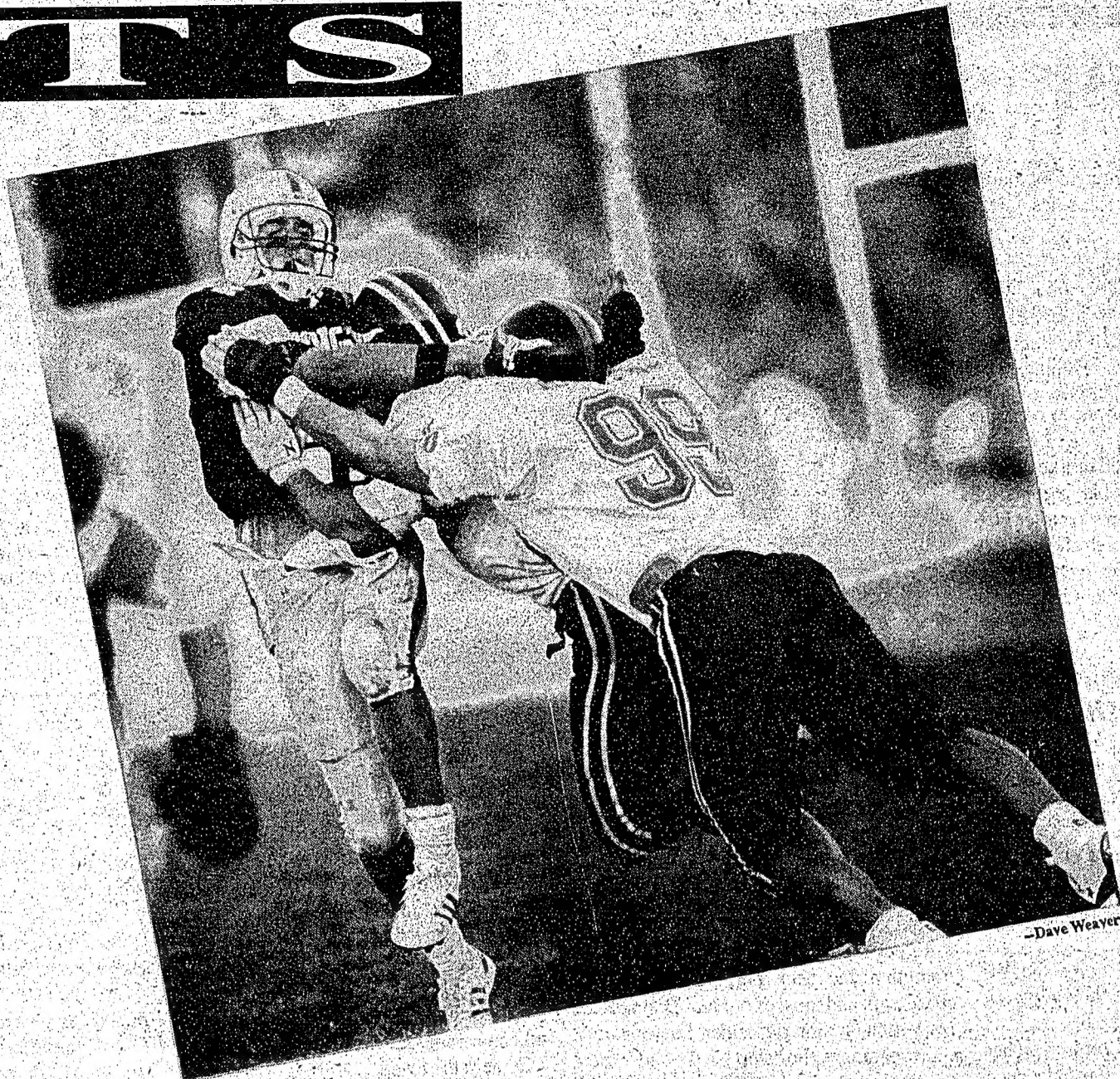
Buda said kicker tryouts will be held this week for any UNO student with field-goal kicking or soccer experience.

With a 2-0 record in conference play and an overall mark of 3-1, Buda said he is cautiously optimistic of his team's chances the rest of the year.



Junior running back LaRon Henderson (32) cuts downfield. —Dave Weaver

SPORTS



—Dave Weaver

Two May defenders give Morningside's quarterback a Viking funeral.



—Dave Weaver

"The last two games we've gotten better, but we still have a long way to go," Buda said.

"We have seven tough games left and there isn't a breather."

The win moved the Mavs into a three-way tie for first place in the North Central Conference.

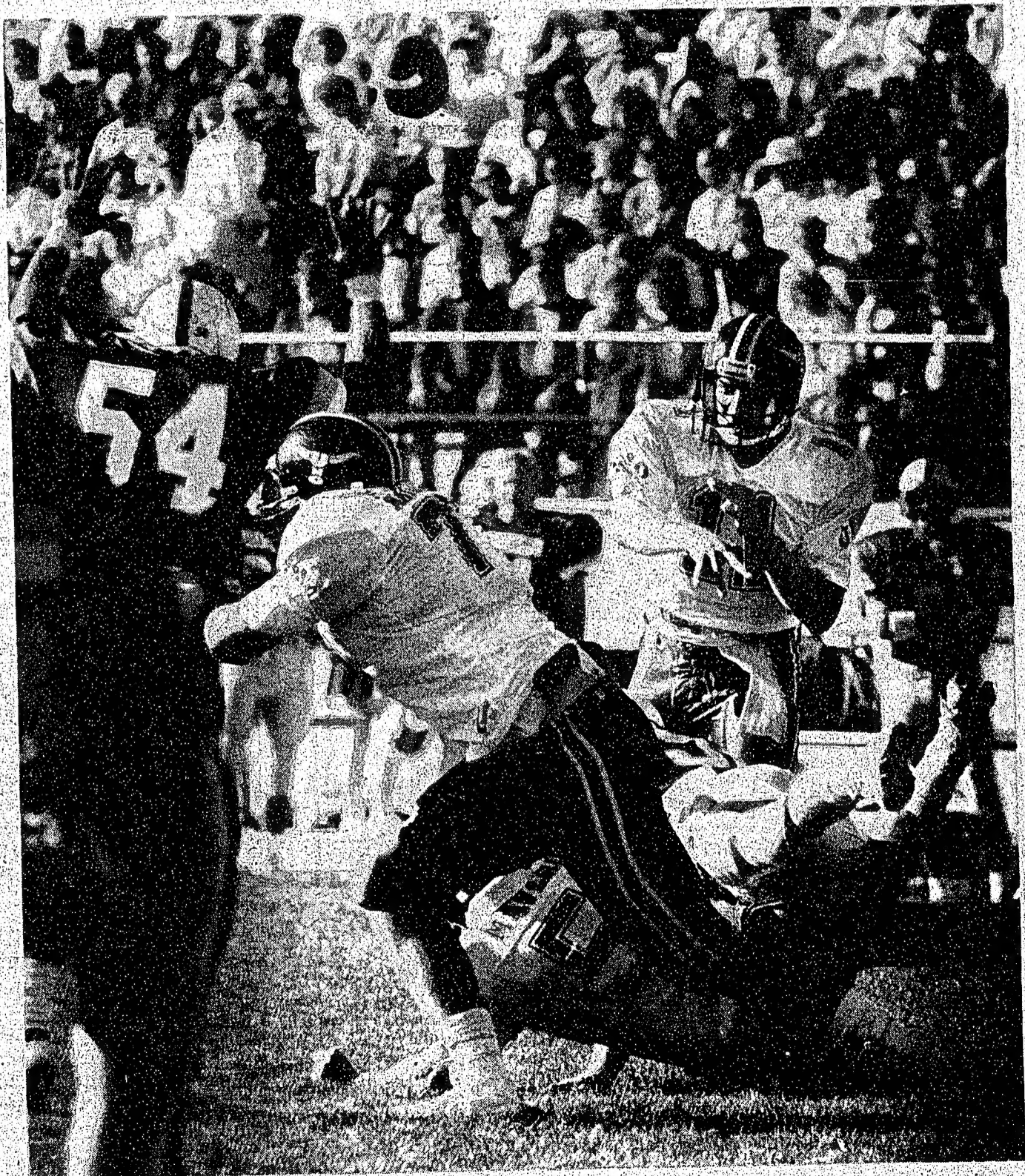
UNO joins defending Division II national champion North Dakota State and Northern Colorado as the only undefeated teams in NCC play.

Next on the schedule is Augustana, a team which was ranked sixth in Division II before falling to Northern Colorado Saturday.

"We hope to get a good crowd out Saturday night," Buda said. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

"He (Henderson, left) had 76 yards rushing in the second half and he played good, solid football."

— Sandy Buda



Sophomore quarterback Paul Cech (11) unloads downfield.

Soccer club rolls into 16th season

By PAUL WILSON

While football captures much of autumn's excitement, UNO's Soccer Club has quietly begun its 16th season.

Despite playing second fiddle to the Mavericks, club captain and UNO senior Darren Blakely said the players' love of soccer makes the effort worthwhile.

"Most of our members began playing soccer in high school," Blakely said. "They've grown up with soccer and want to continue playing."

Freshman Scott Godberson said he jumped at the opportunity to continue playing at UNO.

"I didn't want to give up soccer after I left high school," he said. "The club allows me to keep playing at a competitive level."

Blakely said any UNO student can join the soccer club.

"We're not a varsity team," Blakely said. "Everyone that joins usually gets a chance to play sometime during the season."

The club currently has 23 members and belongs to the Midwestern Club Conference. The conference is made up of clubs from the Big Eight and Missouri Valley Conferences.

"We strictly compete as a club against other college clubs and a few Division I and II teams," Blakely said.

Coach Peter Kassay-Farkas said soccer is catching on in the Midwest, especially since Creighton University will return to varsity soccer in 1990.

"It would be nice if UNO could have a varsity soccer team," Kassay-Farkas said. "Creighton is going to be playing teams like Notre Dame, and this should renew an interest in college soccer."

Kassay-Farkas, who immigrated to the

United States from Austria in 1950, said he has seen plenty of soccer in both countries.

"I settled in Ohio when I came to the United States and played soccer at John Carroll University," Kassay-Farkas said. "I made all-conference and received an invitation to try out for the Pan-American Games."

After college, Kassay-Farkas returned to Austria to study medicine. He also became a licensed Austrian soccer official.

"I used to referee professional soccer teams in Europe," he said. "That would be very comparative to being an official in the NFL."

Although the United States probably still prefers baseballs to soccer balls, Kassay-Farkas said the sport has grown at UNO.

"I used to have to pay for some of the club's expenses," he said. "But now the students have taken over most of the fund raising," Kassay-Farkas said most of the club's

money is raised by sponsoring tournaments and soccer clinics.

"I've coached the club since it started in 1973," he said. "I've seen some very dedicated young men during that time."

Kassay-Farkas said that hard work should pay off soon.

The club's record is currently 1-3, but Kassay-Farkas said he looks for improvement.

"We play 28 games in a 10-week season," he said. "We'll get our share of wins."

The club's next game is at 7 p.m. Thursday against York College at Al F. Caniglia Field.

Club membership costs \$40 and UNO students can join before the season ends Nov. 5. Practices are held at Al F. Caniglia Field Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

A blend of youth and experience

Softball team shows fall colors

By KAREN SEILER

The UNO softball team started its 1989 fall season by accomplishing something it hasn't done in three years — beating arch-rival Augustana.

The Lady Mavericks downed the Vikings 7-4 in 14 innings at the Creighton University tournament Sept. 16.

"That was a great sign," senior catcher Jackie Hansen said. "The teams have been rivals for a long time."

Despite the win, UNO softball coach Mary Yori said the goal of fall practice is not victory, but giving each player equal playing time.

"It is especially beneficial for the freshmen to play with the older, more experienced players," Yori said. "We get to see

who should play what positions."

Yori said the Lady Mavs' blend of returning starters and incoming talent should develop into a strong team.

Experience from the older players is a strength of the team, Yori said. "We have a quick team and most of our hitters are back."

Hansen, junior outfielder Sherri Novak and sophomore shortstop Neely Sader were All-Region players in 1989.

"They should bring a lot of leadership and experience to the team," Yori said.

Sophomore outfielder Stacy Kmiecik also adds depth to the Lady Mavs' squad, Yori said.

"These players are the returning meat of the line-up," Yori said.

The development of freshmen pitchers

Amy Pick and Amy Boyd will be a key to the team's performance in 1990, Yori said.

"They are developing, but they have a lot to learn and grow on," Yori said. "I am very excited to see them play. They are going to become good pitchers."

Junior third baseman Amy Phalen, another returning starter, said the new players will help the team.

"For all of us, fall games are a learning experience," Phalen said. "We have a lot of young blood that is going to help us. We are working hard, and I know we will have a great season."

Yori said the Lady Mavs' most need to improve their defense before spring.

"We are making too many defensive errors," Yori said. "We need to get stronger,

clean up out there and get the younger players some experience."

Hansen said she agreed. "We need to cut down on errors that have caused us to lose a couple of games."

Another key for 1990 is keeping the players healthy, Yori said.

"We are short-handed as far as depth, but we are solid," Yori said.

The Lady Mavs' fall season ends Oct. 1. After fall practice, the Lady Mavs begin weight lifting and conditioning in the winter.

"We have a pretty cohesive team," Yori said. "There is a general respect for each other. They all play hard, and I am very excited for our spring season to start."

UNO begins spring practice in February, and plays its first game March 12.

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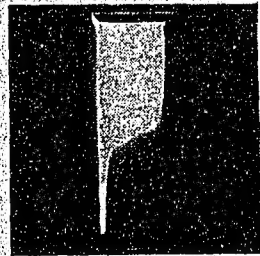
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Black belts find far east sport far out

Third in a series on alternative sports.

By PAUL WILSON

The spirit of Bruce Lee is alive and well at UNO.

The UNO Martial Arts Club offers instruction in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido to students interested in self defense and physical conditioning.

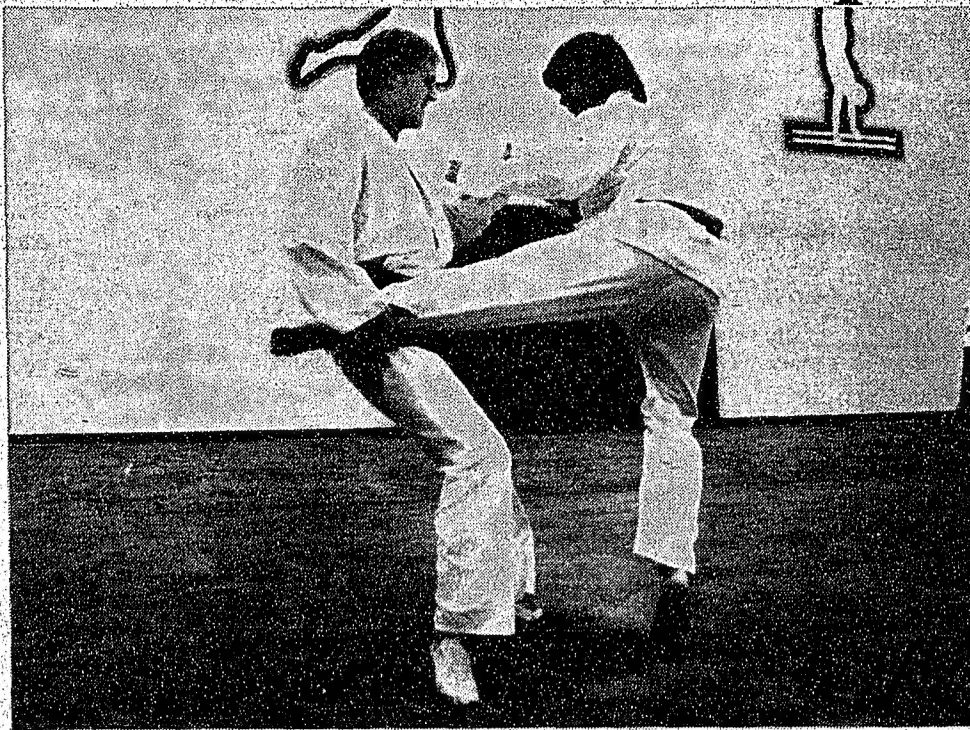
The club's instructor, UNO faculty member Suk Ki Shin, said although both Korean martial arts incorporate kicks, punches and open-hand fighting, there are benefits besides just self-defense.

Alternative SPORTS

"A martial art is used primarily for self-defense," said Shin, a grandmaster black belt in both Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido. "However, as students progress in training, they often develop more confidence and self-control. I think these assets can even help them in their school work."

Club member June Jensen said she agreed martial arts is an extension of her education.

"I was a little shy when I first came to UNO," Jensen said. "I began training in Hapkido and grew more confident when I realized I could master a martial art. This



Heee-Yaaaah! Two UNO Martial Arts Club members sock it to each other.

—Dave Weaver

confidence carried over into my college studies."

Bob Johnson, a UNO staff member, said he joined the club to improve his martial arts skills.

"I've been studying self-defense for a long

time," Johnson said. "The club helps me train and keeps my skills sharp."

Shin said club members are not hindered by lack of athletic ability.

"Anyone can learn a martial art. There are many techniques which can make up for the

lack of physical ability," Shin said.

Shin's career in martial arts included training the Korean military, serving as bodyguard to a Korean president and establishing an Omaha self-defense academy.

Club members have represented Nebraska in Olympic trials and have regularly competed in the U.S. Collegiate Tae Kwon Do Championships.

Saturday, the club captured seven first-place trophies in the Midwest Tae Kwon Do Championships at Millard North High School. Heavyweight Ted Silence won the second-degree black belt competition. Middleweight black belt Doug Nielsen also finished in first place.

The Martial Arts Club will attend a tournament Saturday at Shawnee Mission, Kan. and another tournament Nov. 4 in St. Joseph, Mo.

Club President Steve Schmitz said the 50-member club always welcomes new participants.

"The nice thing about the club is that you can join throughout the semester," Schmitz said. "You never get the feeling that you are behind in training."

A semester membership costs \$25 for students, faculty and staff. The club meets in Room 110 of the HPER Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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"Breaking Free — A Workshop on Co-dependency" and "Self-Esteem" are two new non-credit courses offered this fall through the College of Continuing Studies and the Counseling

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Nationally acclaimed author to speak

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Tour workshop offered

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Pereira to present poetry reading

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CCS offers American Indian history course

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UNO rounds up River City award

By PATRICK RUNGE

Omaha's celebration of the Old West took time out to honor UNO Thursday.

UNO was presented with River City Roundup's Heritage Award at the Business/Service Club Heritage Luncheon at Ak-Sar-Ben.

The Heritage Award is presented annually by River City Roundup to a business, institution or organization meeting certain criteria.

John Gottschalk, chairman of River City Roundup and president of the *Omaha World-Herald*, described UNO as a "showpiece" for the city, while presenting the award to UNO Chancellor Del Weber.

In his acceptance speech, Weber discussed the strong ties between the university and the community.

"UNO is a reflection of the value citizens place on higher education," he said. "There is a responsibility implicit between the city and the urban institution."

As a basis for the award, Gottschalk cited the Mallory Kountz Planetarium, International Studies, Afghan Studies, the Cummington Press and the HPER Building.

In a brief speech, Omaha Mayor P.J. Morgan spoke about UNO's contributions to the community.

"When you look at a UNO or a Union Pacific, you take for granted that they have added so much to our style of life," Morgan said. "It's great to see the contribution UNO has made to the city, the state and the nation."

"Education is so important, because with it we can choose to be whatever we want to be," he said. "Things can be taken away from us, but education is the one thing that can never be taken away."

Morgan and Gottschalk praised Weber for his contributions to UNO's growth during his 12-year tenure as chancellor.

"The growth (of UNO) is due to the energy and vigor of Del Weber," Gottschalk said. "He has forged a partnership between the university and the city. He has made it a university of the community, not just in the community."

Weber said the future of the nation will be decided in the cities, and urban universities such as UNO will be an integral part to that future.

"Is there an institution more qualified, and better equipped, to handle the changes than UNO?" Weber asked. "I think not. Industries push education to have more relevant programs to increase the skills of the job pool," Weber said.

Weber also commented on the recent changes in higher education.

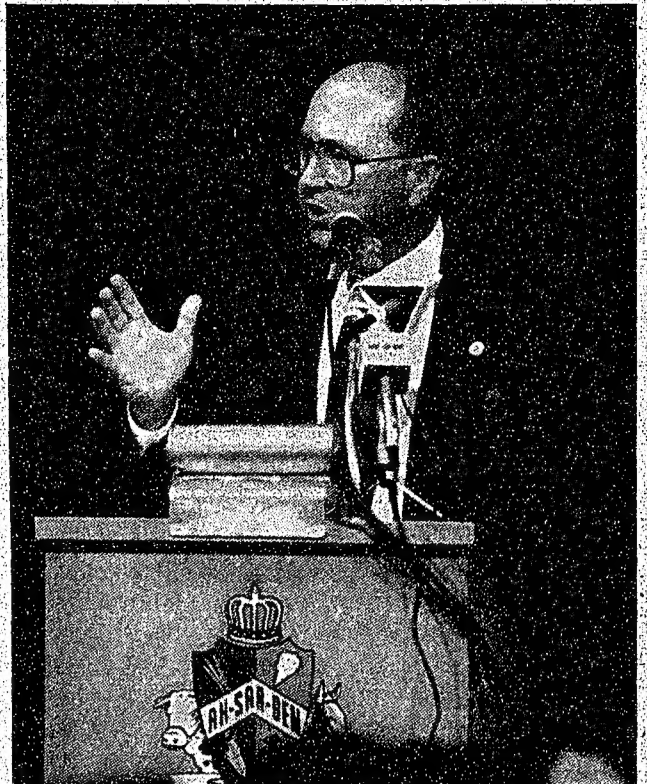
In the past, he said, higher education was set in an "ivory tower," secluded in a contemplative environment.

He added that in the past, only the economically privileged could afford to send their children to college. After World War II and the G.I. Bill, the demand for affordable higher education increased.

"Higher education (after the G.I. Bill) was no longer a privilege, it was a necessity," Weber said.

Weber said future demands upon UNO may include such functions as:

- Increasing the skills of the job pool.
 - Working with and conducting research for area businesses.
 - Offering curriculum and services for older students, who now make up one-half of all the college students nationwide.
 - Making higher education accessible to minority students.
- "Omaha is the major metropolitan area of the state, and in competition with other cities for tax base and trained workers," Weber said, commenting on the need for urban universities to train students for businesses.



—Photo by Dave Weaver

Chancellor Del Weber accepted the Heritage Award.

Weber discussed UNO's present successes and past accomplishments.

"Every citizen can take pride, because they have helped to build it," Weber said. "We are an institution of the future."

Past recipients of the Heritage Award include the Strategic Air Command, Union Pacific and US West.

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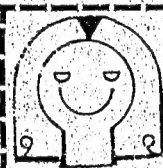
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Watson: 'Black-White game' a hindrance

BY REGINALD CHAPMAN

"You must graduate in order to do the right thing" was the message aimed at students, faculty and staff in Student Center Ballroom Thursday.

Dennis Rahim Watson, executive director of the National Black Youth Leadership Council (NBLYC), spoke Sept. 21 about his program, "100 Challenges Facing Faculty and Students in the 21st Century."

Watson cited leadership, success and unity as key factors in the strengthening of minority student relations on campus.

"Positive attitudes are a must in order to get the full effect out of life," Watson told the crowd of about 70 people. "Students are the masters of their own destinies and the salvation of the United States lies in their hands."

Watson said people originate from ethnic locations and the "Black-White game" is a hindrance.

"Your color does not define you," Watson said. "It is your genes that determine your ancestry."

Watson added it is time for all people to disregard the traditional way of thinking to make way for "the new stuff—leadership."

Watson gathered eight men from the audience to emphasize his point. He had them look each other directly in the eyes without smiling. He then had the men embrace one another, shedding their "machoism" to become unified and support each other in the minority community.

"Degrees of purpose, commitment and aggressiveness must be possessed by the African-American population in order to make a positive impact on the community," Watson said.

Watson also offered his interpretation of minority students who possess low self-esteem.

"Minorities are at a point in their development as a group that is not about being cute or fine. It's about having a positive attitude," he said.

African-American students who sit quietly in the back of a classroom cannot complain when they don't receive the grade they felt they deserved, he said.

Watson urged students to walk with poise, saying, in order for students to be successful, they must first feel successful.

Victor Barnes, a junior art history major, said "Watson was great."



—Photo by Dave Weaver

Dennis Rahim Watson, executive director of the National Black Youth Leadership Council, gave two presentations to students, faculty and staff at UNO Thursday.

"UNO's African-American population needed to hear more about the concerns that deal with the culture," Barnes said. "Watson presented material that you just can't learn by reading a book."

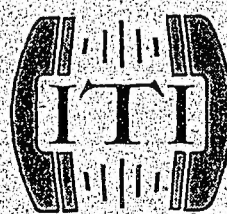
Watson left his audience, emphasizing the importance of African-American students being strong and not losing their piece of mind.

Michele Ball, a sophomore accounting major, said "Watson hit the nail on the head."

"His ability to get the audience involved helped everyone to forget about the ethnic barrier that many today are concerned with," Ball said. "All people should start living that way all the time."



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